

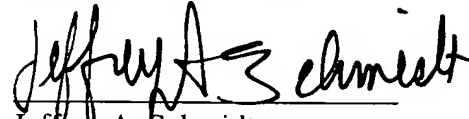
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

1.53(b) Divisional of Appln. No.: 09/859,044

**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey A. Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Jeffrey" is written with a large, stylized "J". The last name "Schmidt" is written with a large, stylized "S".

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